



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	23-0017 15Jun Severe Weather
<b>Date</b>	July 7, 2023
<b>Time</b>	10:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	8:00 AM July 6 to 8:00 AM July 7, 2023
<b>Report Number</b>	22

Regions Affected	
<b>TDEM Regions Affected</b>	1 & 5
<b>DCs Active</b>	1, 5, 6

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** On June 30, 2023, Governor Abbott announced that the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) received federal approval for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) recipients in Motley County to apply for replacement benefits for food lost or destroyed from severe weather on June 21.

Eligible Motley County residents can request replacement food benefits by dialing 2-1-1 and selecting option 8, or by downloading Form H1855 (Affidavit for Nonreceipt or Destroyed SNAP Benefits) on the HHSC website. Completed forms should be mailed to Texas Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 149027, Austin, TX, 78714-9027, or faxed to 1-877-447-2839.

On June 29, 2023, Governor Abbott renewed the proclamation declaring a disaster in Camp, Cass, Fisher, Franklin, Gregg, Harrison, Hopkins, Jones, Kent, Leon, Marion, Montgomery, Morris, Motley, Nolan, Ochiltree, Panola, Shelby, Smith, Stonewall, Titus, Upshur, and Wood Counties.

On June 23, Governor Abbott updated the state's disaster declaration to include additional Texas communities impacted by damage to homes and businesses caused by severe weather. This disaster declaration will continue to support response and recovery efforts by local and state officials in 23 Texas counties, including two added on June 23: Montgomery and Leon counties.

In response to a severe weather pattern that began in late May and has brought heavy rainfall, flash flooding, damaging wind, large hail, and tornadoes to

communities across the state, the Texas State Operations Center remains at Level II (Escalated Response) at the Governor's direction to support requests for assistance from local officials.

Flooding began to impact counties in the Texas Panhandle, High Plains, and South Plains on May 27, causing widespread damage throughout the region. Governor Abbott issued a disaster declaration to address the impacts of flood damage to homes, businesses, and the agriculture industry. The Governor also directed TDEM to deploy the following state emergency response resources to support flood response operations:

- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Texas A&M Task Force 1):** 2 Swiftwater Boat Squads.
- **Texas A&M Forest Service:** 2 Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Strike Teams comprised of High-Profile Vehicles and 2 Boat Teams. Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System Strike Teams, tactical water tenders, Incident Management Teams to support local firefighting capability and points of distribution and Saw Crews.
- **Texas Department of Transportation:** Personnel to assist with traffic control and road closures. Personnel and heavy equipment for roadway debris clearing, traffic control, and sign and signal repairs.
- **Texas Parks and Wildlife:** Game Wardens and Boat Squads assisting with supply delivery and security in affected areas.
- **Texas Department of Public Safety:** Helicopters with hoist capability. Texas Highway Patrol is providing security at points of distribution and Driver License Disaster Recovery Unit is providing driver licenses at the Community Resource Center in Perryton.
- **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (Public Works Response Team):** Personnel to support flood pump operations. Personnel and equipment to support utility, water, and wastewater treatment needs, support electricity infrastructure repair efforts, and operate the state resource staging area (RSA) in Perryton.
- **Texas National Guard:** Personnel and high-profile vehicles for movement of emergency supplies and to support points of distribution and resource staging areas. (2) Ground Transportation Platoons with High Profile Vehicles.
- **Texas Commission on Environmental Quality:** Air/water/wastewater monitoring.
- **Texas Animal Health Commission:** Personnel to provide livestock support.

This weather pattern continued to impact the state, as severe thunderstorms brought large hail, damaging wind, and tornadoes to multiple Texas communities over the past few weeks. Governor Abbott directed TDEM to deploy state emergency response assets to the town of Perryton immediately following a devastating tornado in Northwest Texas. Additionally, the Governor issued a state disaster declaration for communities in Northwest and Northeast Texas impacted by damaging winds and severe storms that caused significant damage to electricity infrastructure. On Saturday, following severe storms and tornadoes in Ochiltree and Cass counties, Governor Abbott held a briefing with state and local officials in Perryton where he provided an update on the state's ongoing response and recovery efforts.

On June 18, the Governor provided an update on the state's ongoing response to severe storms. Governor Abbott updated the state's disaster declaration on Monday to add East Texas communities that suffered severe weather impacts and significant damage to electric infrastructure across the region, as local electric providers worked around the clock to restore power. Additional assets were deployed on Wednesday, and additional counties were added to the disaster declaration as impacts of the severe weather continued. Following severe storms and tornadoes causing damage to Matador and counties in the South Plains and Big Country regions, the Governor directed TDEM to mobilize additional response and recovery resources, and he added six Texas counties to the disaster declaration yesterday.

The following state resources remain engaged to support severe weather response and recovery operations across the state:

- **Texas Division of Emergency Management:** Emergency management personnel to support local emergency operations centers, food storage and hot meal distribution, and to coordinate the establishment of Points of Distribution (PODs) across the impacted counties for members of the community to pick up water, ice, and Meals Ready to Eat (MREs); Operations Technology personnel to support resource needs; Response and Recovery personnel to conduct damage assessments and coordinate requests for assistance; activated state disaster contracts for emergency resource transportation and fuel for generators; coordination of cellular connectivity for first responder communications; State Mass Care Coordination; base camp operations to house responding crews; and a resource staging area to support impacted jurisdictions.
- **Texas Department of State Health Services (Texas Emergency Medical Task Force):** Mobile Medical Unit to support local hospital operations, Medical Incident Support Teams, ambulance buses, and ambulances supporting local hospitals, nursing homes, and emergency medical services.
- **Texas Health and Human Services Commission:** Utilizing contracts for local ice and water needs.

- **Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Service:** Disaster Assessment and Recovery Agents to assist with damage assessments and County Extension Agents supporting disaster needs assessments.
- **Public Utility Commission of Texas:** Working with utility providers to send additional crews to impacted areas to repair damaged electric infrastructure.
- **Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team:** Providing support to local veterinary services in impacted communities.

Last week, the Governor directed TDEM to request joint disaster damage assessments with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to determine the state's eligibility for federal disaster assistance for Texans whose properties were affected by flooding and severe weather. These damage assessments are in process and state personnel are working alongside federal and local response and recovery personnel to quickly determine whether these damages meet the federal threshold requirements for various forms of federal disaster assistance for impacted individuals and communities. Impacted Texans are encouraged to report storm damage using TDEM's Individual State of Texas Assessment Tool (iSTAT) self-reporting damage survey to assist emergency management officials identify resource needs and determine the state's eligibility for various forms of federal disaster assistance. The survey is available in English and Spanish online at [damage.tdem.texas.gov](https://damage.tdem.texas.gov).

Additionally, with another round of severe storms in the forecast for the northern part of the state today, Texans are encouraged to remain weather aware and monitor local weather reports.

Extreme heat remains an ongoing threat, and Texans are urged to implement measures to stay safe in triple-digit temperatures. A list of cooling centers opened by local officials is available at [tdem.texas.gov/cool](https://tdem.texas.gov/cool).

[Read the Governor's updated disaster declaration.](#)

#### **OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

#### **Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)**

**DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant** (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties) Reduced their activation level to Level III on June 24.

**Hopkins County:** Hopkins County is working with Como-Pickton to complete recovery assistance requests.

**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties) [The DDC EOC has returned to Level IV \(Normal Operations\).](#)

**Panola County:** The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has approved Panola County's permit for a disaster debris burn site.

**Smith County:** The city of Winona has issued a Boil Water Notice due to not enough power at treatment plant to maintain a safe operating pressure.

### **Region 5 (Includes DDCs 1, 2, 3, and 7)**

**DDC 1 – Amarillo** (Includes: Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler Counties) DDC EOC remains activated to Level II.

**Motley County:** Lubbock County deployed their Mobile Command Vehicle and Communications Trailer to Matador, Motley County. A Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) and a donation collection point was established at the Morris County Show Barn.

**DDC 7 – Abilene** (Includes: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Throckmorton, and Taylor Counties)

**Mitchell County:** Mitchell County has issued a boil water and conservation notice, due to a drop in pressure. They are actively repairing the issues, without a current ETA.

### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS**

**Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas A&M University System (TDEM):**

#### **TDEM Mass Care:**

**State Volunteer Agency Liaison (VAL):** TDEM continues monitoring the status of the 245 cooling centers operating across the state of Texas and can be found on the TDEM website at: [www.TDEM.Texas.gov/cool](http://www.TDEM.Texas.gov/cool)

**TDEM Recovery:** TDEM Recovery is monitoring damage submissions in iSTAT and pSTAT.

As of 8:00AM June 27, there were a total of 2,427 iSTAT submissions with 396 of those reported as destroyed, 537 as major, 642 as minor, and 852 as affected. Additionally, twenty damage submissions have been reported in pSTAT from the city of Perryton with a cost estimate of \$5,359,422.

Affected Texans are being encouraged to self-report any property damage as soon as possible. Texans seeking to submit a damage survey should visit [www.damage.tdem.texas.gov](http://www.damage.tdem.texas.gov). Sharing pertinent details and photos of damage will assist emergency management officials in the preliminary damage assessment process.

As a reminder, reporting damages using the iSTAT or pSTAT is a voluntary activity, is not a substitute for reporting damage to your insurance agency and does not guarantee disaster relief assistance.

FEMA/State/Local Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) started Monday, June 26 in Potter, and Randall Counties.

**Texas A&M AgriLife Extension (AgriLife):** Six DAR and CEA Strike Team members continued conducting damage assessments in DDEOC 5. Two DAR agents continued providing DDEOC support to DC5 and DC6.

**Texas A&M Engineering and Extension Service (TEEX) Texas Task Force – Two (TX-TF2):** Overhead personnel are assisting with base camp operations in Region 1, Districts 5 and 6.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** TAMFS, Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS), and an All-Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) resources are engaged and supporting Perryton, Matador, and TDEM Region 1. [TAMFS ceased operations at the Resource Staging Area \(RSA\) on July 7.](#)

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ):** TCEQ continues to have staff available to respond to drinking water and wastewater issues. Staff are also available to provide technical assistance on temporary debris management operations and review and approve temporary debris management applications. TCEQ is tracking six drinking water systems that are on a Boil Water Notices (BWN). TCEQ has approved eight temporary debris management sites (TDMS).

**Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Texas Highway Patrol (THP):** Troopers continue to conduct moving patrols throughout the affected areas to prevent theft and looting. Law enforcement continues to focus on anti-theft prevention and area security through the night hours.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):** TxDOT crews are cleaning up debris in the city of Perryton.

**Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC):** HHSC staff are actively monitoring the situation and supporting impacted community members.

**Texas Information and Referral Network (TIRN)** 2-1-1 continues distributing information about cooling shelters and other related resources as needed.

**Texas Military Department (TMD):** TMD continues to support the SOC with four personnel.

### **Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD)**

**American Red Cross (ARC):** The ARC continues to assist impacted families in Amarillo, Matador, Perryton and in East Texas. Client casework is continuing.

### **Texas Baptist Men (TBM):**

Region 1: Gilmer/Lone Star – The deployment for the tornadoes in the Gilmer/Lone Star area is winding down. [TBM has processed 197 work requests and has nine remaining. There are currently 60 volunteers on site. As of July 6, 2023: 206 work requests were completed; 204 of which were specific requests for chain saw crews' assistance.](#)

### **STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Resource Kind and Type</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	<b>Equip</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Location</b>
TAMUS TDEM	Regional Response	3	3	Assigned	Perryton
TAMUS TDEM	ISTF Regional Staff	4	4	Assigned	Region 1 & 5
TAMUS TDEM	ISTF Regional Staff	4	4	Assigned	Matador
TAMUS TDEM	ISTF Members	1	0	Assigned	Region 1
TAMUS AgriLife	DAR Agents & County Extension Agents	14	0	Assigned	Region 1
TAMFS	1 IMT	27		<a href="#">Released</a>	Region 1 (DDEOC 5)
TAMFS	1 IMT	4		Assigned	Perryton
TAMFS	1 IMT	4		Assigned	Matador
TAMFS	TIFMAS Engines	6	2	Assigned	Perryton
TAMFS	TIFMAS Engines	11	3	Assigned	Matador
TAMFS	TIFMAS Strike Teams	48	10	Assigned	Pittsburg ICP
TEEX TX-TF1	ESF 9 SOC LNO	3	0	Assigned	Titus/Camp Counties
TDHCA	TDHCA Liaison	1	0	Assigned	Perryton



Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equip	Status	Location
TDHCA	Panhandle Comm. Services	10	0	Assigned	Perryton
DPS	State Trooper	15	15	Assigned	Ochiltree, Cass, and Franklin Co
TCEQ	LNO	2	0	Assigned	Region 5
TMD	SOC (Mil desk)	2	0	Activated	SOC
TxDOT	Personnel	270	182	Assigned	Reg 1 & 5

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions). The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

**The four levels of SOC activation are:**

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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